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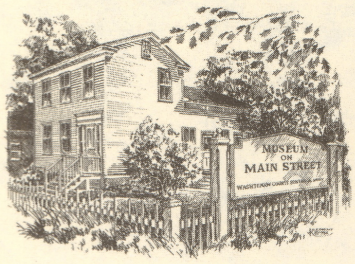

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RICHARD L. GALANT, PhD

1857 is Coming!

Yes, 1857 is coming. 1857 is the year that the Washtenaw County Historical Society was founded. In 2007, the Society will be celebrating its 150 years of existence. The Society is planning a series of events throughout 2007 to commemorate its anniversary and the history it has recorded.

Some of the celebratory events the Society is planning during 2007 include:

- Beginning on Wednesday, June 13 the new exhibition will open featuring artifacts from the Society's collection which will extend through September 23, 2007.
- Saturday, June 16 – Flag raising ceremony to kick-off WCHS's Sesquicentennial celebration. A new flagpole will be installed, and the Society will be raising an 1857 American flag. In preparation for the flag raising, the garden will be prepared with flowers from the 1857 period. A garden party, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., will be part of the celebration. Mark your calendar – you are invited.
- Sunday, July 29 – We are planning an afternoon "Big Party" anniversary event from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All are invited – be sure to mark your calendar.

Currently the exhibition, "One-Room Schoolhouses of Washtenaw County" is featured. Artifacts and history notes of some of the one-room schoolhouses around the county and an actual schoolhouse classroom are on display. Did you see the article in the *Ann Arbor NEWS* on Saturday, February 24, 2007? It brought many visitors to our Museum on Main Street.

And do, as you plan your 2007 Washtenaw County history calendar, note that "school is in session at the Society's museum;" and 1857 is coming!

Ann Arbor High School Band will Celebrate Centennial in 2014

Ann Arbor High School band will be celebrating its Centennial in 2014. The old Ann Arbor High School is coming down. But while its bricks and mortar meet the wrecking ball this spring, the school's spirit lives on in the band program that was born there at the corner of State and Huron. Among the stories that will last beyond the crumbled walls, perhaps the history of the band program best captures the pioneer spirit of the school.

Eighteen young men formed Ann Arbor High's first band in 1914. A decade later, under the direction of Joe Maddy, the visionary who would go on to found the world-famous National Music Camp at Interlochen, the band program

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1914 Ann Arbor High School band

LINDA CHAPMAN

One-Room Schoolhouses

East Delhi School located on East Delhi Road near the iron bridge was part of the former Village of Delhi

On Sunday, February 18, 2007, Linda Chapman, a member of The One-Room Schoolhouse Association and a retired teacher in the Dexter Schools, spoke to a large crowd of Society members, friends and members of the Cobblestone Farm Association. She used a quantity of slides to illustrate her talk on her favorite subject, schools.

According to the Ordinance of 1787, the Northwest Ordinance, one of the six principles/laws was that education should be forever encouraged. In most communities, the very first building built was a school. Each township set aside a section of the township, usually section 16, for a school. All were at intersections and were named for one of the roads or for the people who owned the property. If the land was sold the money was supposed to go to the schools. The school served many functions: town meeting place, church services, entertainment. The schools were in operation until 1952 when they were consolidated. Currently, there are fourteen operating one-room schoolhouses in Michigan. Many of them are in the thumb area.

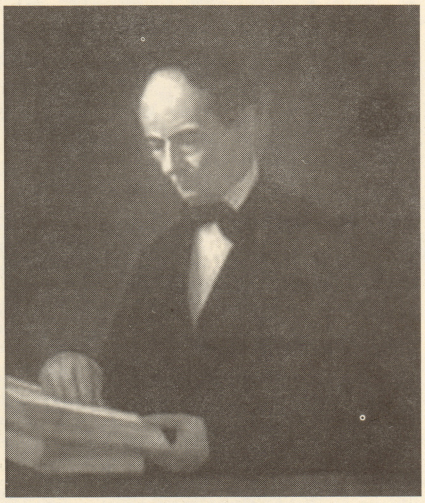
Everyone was required to go to school for three months. Then it was changed to four months. Since the schools were mostly rural, the need of the farms took precedence over schooling.

In the 1800s, most of the schools had male teachers because 'the men could control the rowdy boys.' By the 1900s, there were a lot of female teachers but most of the high school teachers were still male. Salaries were something like $25 per month and, after five years, they got a one dollar raise. Teachers 'boarded round' in the area families, usually for one month at a time, to the dismay of the children of that family.

Jarvis School – 1929-30

Myths

1. All rural schools were one room. False. Many were two or three and possibly four rooms.
2. All were painted red. False. Many were white.
3. Everyone used McGuffey readers. False. There were many different readers and all had moralistic stories.
4. Everyone walked six miles uphill in both directions. False.
5. Dunce caps were used as punishment. False.
6. All schools were laid out the same. False. There were pattern books with floor plans and standardized fixtures available resulting in many schools looking the same but it was not a requirement.



Mr. William McGuffey

TEACHERS CONTRACT 1923

(This was a standard contract used throughout the country.)

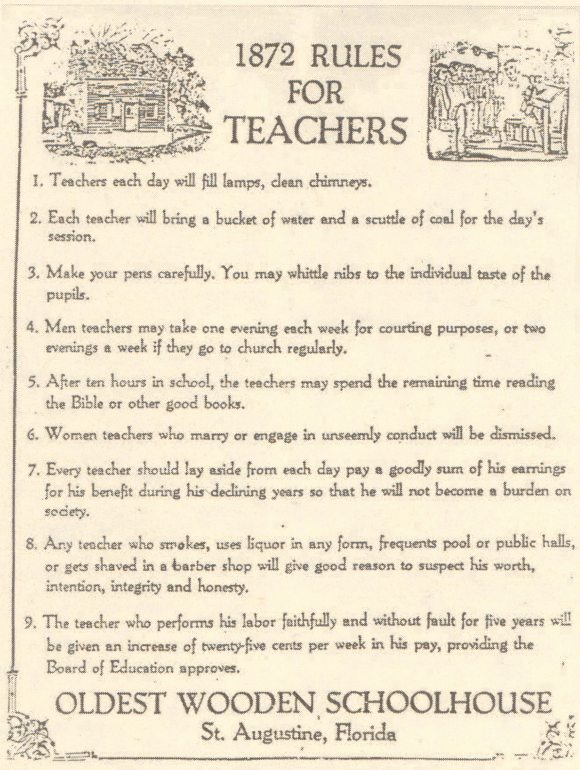
This is an agreement between Miss ____, teacher, and the Board of Education of the ____ School, whereby Miss ____ agrees to teach for a period of eight months, begining September 1, 1923. The Board of Education agrees to pay Miss ____ the sum of ($75) per month.

Miss ____ agrees:

1. Not to get married. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher marries.
2. Not to keep company with men.
3. To be home between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless in attendance at a school function.
4. Not to loiter in ice cream stores.
5. Not to leave town at any time without the permission of the chairman of the Board of Trustees.
6. Not to smoke cigarettes. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher is found smoking.
7. Not to drink beer, wine, or whiskey. This contract becomes null and void if the teacher is found drinking beer, wine, or whiskey.
8. Not to ride in a carriage or automobile with any man except her brother or father.
9. Not to dress in bright colors.
10. Not to dye her hair.
11. To wear at least two petticoats.
12. Not to wear dresses more than two inches above the ankles.
13. To keep the classroom clean
    a. to sweep the floor at least once daily.
    b. to scrub the classroom floor at leat once weekly with hot water and soap.
    c. to clean the blackboard at least once daily.
    d. to start the fire at 7:00 so that the room will be warm at 8:00 when the chil dren arrive.
14. Not to use face powder, mascara, or paint the lips.

1923 Teacher's contract

There were very strict rules for the teachers. Until about World War I, females were required to wear two petticoats. Females could not be married. Anyone that had completed the eighth grade could teach. They had to be at least three years, academically, beyond their oldest student.



1872 RULES FOR TEACHERS

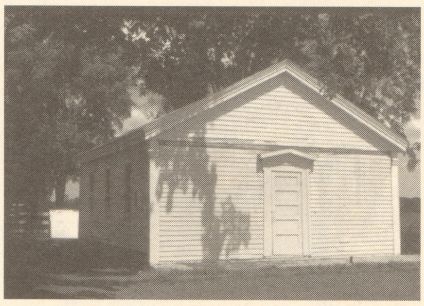
1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of the pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers may spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each day pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labor faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of twenty-five cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

OLDEST WOODEN SCHOOLHOUSE
St. Augustine, Florida

1872 Rules for teachers

THE PODUNK SCHOOL

The Podunk School was moved from Walsh Road to the grounds of the Webster Township Historical Society on Webster Church and Farrell Roads in the early 1990s.



Podunk School at original site on Walsh Road.

Podunk School after move and restoration.

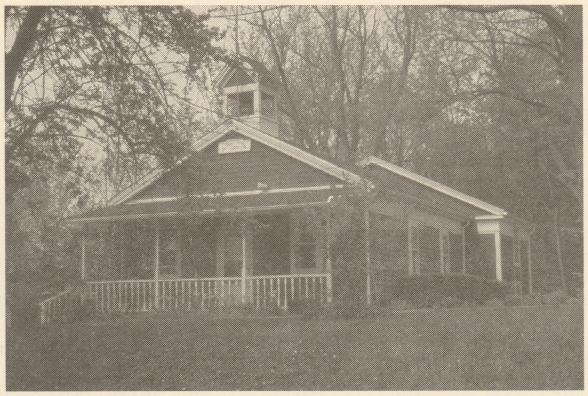
Podunk School: interior view of rear of school.

Podunk School outhouse.

Many of the school buildings have been adapted to other uses. The late, well-known Father Alex Miller lived in the Merrill School on Merrill Road near Strawberry Lake Road. There is some evidence that the building had been moved to replace a previous school.

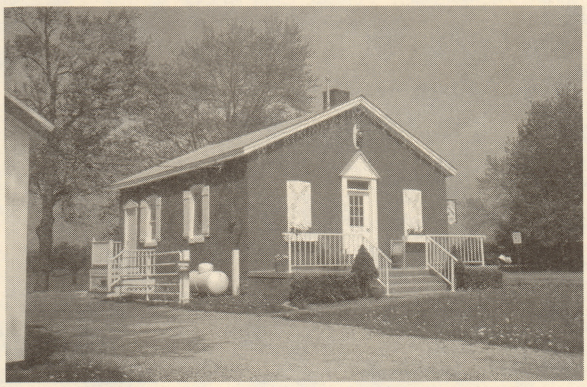
The Mary Hawkins School, located at North Zeeb and Joy Roads, is now a residence and has had two additions. The school at the corner of Jackson and Parker Roads has been a residence for many years. Another example of re-use is the building at the corner of North Territorial and Scully Roads that is now a craft store – and painted red.

Linda Chapman, at the conclusion of her talk, showed artifacts: a lunch box, a teacher's school bell, a school course of study and a potato. Children would bring their lunch and if they brought a potato it would be placed atop the pot-bellied stove and would be ready to eat by lunch time.



Merrill School

Parker School at Jackson and Parker Roads.



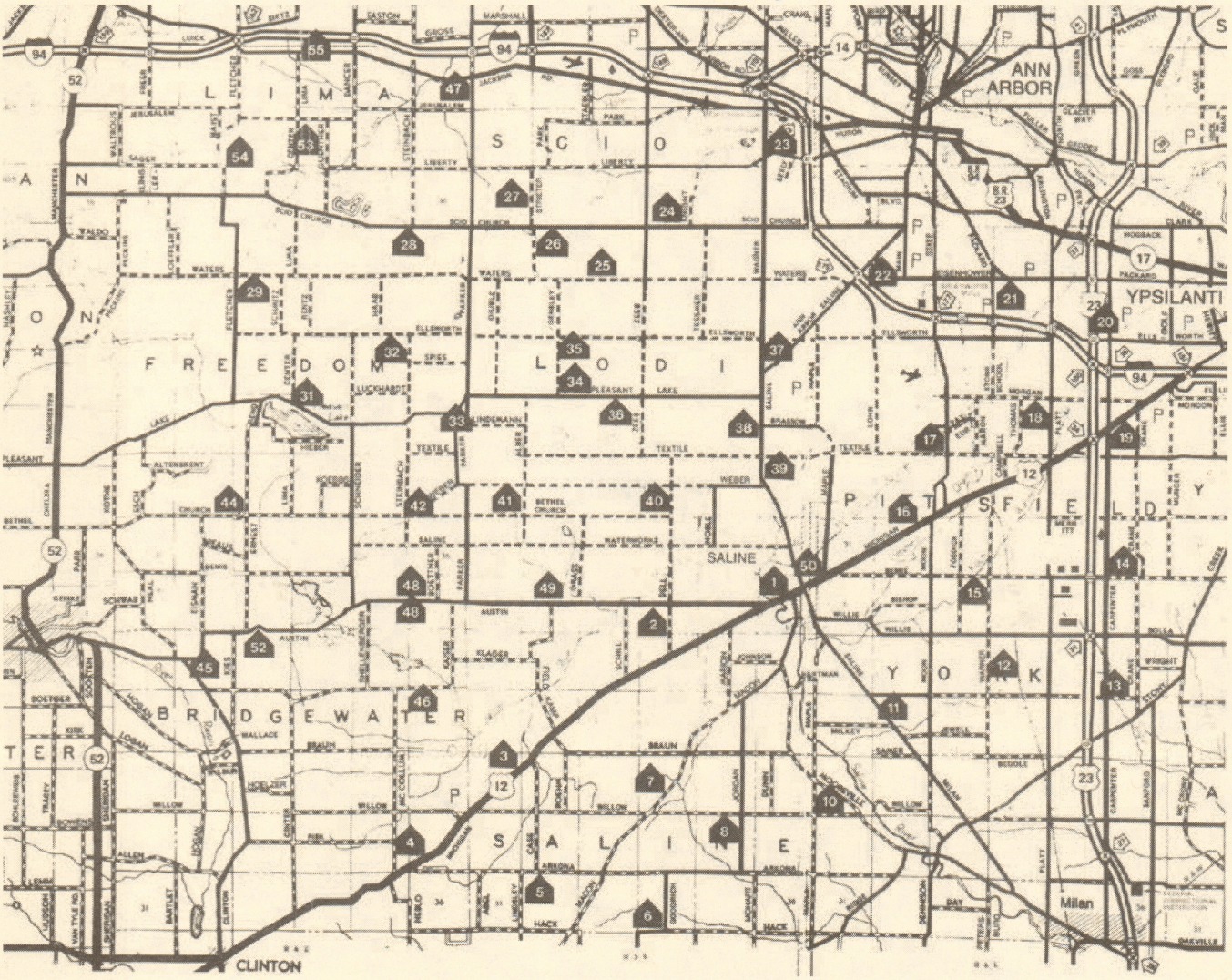
Craft store

The Saline Area Historical Society developed a brochure, A Tour of Country Schools, in 1989 covering the area between I-94 and M-14 on the north; Clinton / Hack Road / Milan on the south; M-52 on the west; and a small area beyond US-23 on the east. There are 55 schoolhouses indicated on the map.

A copy of the brochure can be picked up at the Museum on Main Street or call 734-662-9092.

1. **Hoyt-Ford** - Now a home across from Wellers, moved in 1943 by Ford, from Macon Road
2. **Dell** - Now a corn crib on SW corner of Dell and Austin Road, from NW corner of US 12 and Dell Road
3. **Benton** - Now a farm garage opposite St. James Church, W on US 12, was fronting US 12
4. **Lancaster** - Now a home at 12990 US 12 on NE corner of US 12 and McCollum Road
5. **Lindsley** - Removed from a site just S of Arkona and Lindsley Road, on the E side
6. **Gleason** - Now a home at 13740 Goodrich Road, between Arkona and Hack Road
7. **Forbes** - Now a home at 11605 Macon Road, between Willow and Braun Road
8. **Hammond** - Now a home at the SW corner of Jordan and Willow Road
10. **Shaw** - Removed from the original site, S of Mooreville Road and E of Maple, in triangle
11. **Judd** - Now a home at 10065 Saline Milan Road, at the corner of Judd and Saline Milan Road
12. **Oak-Grove** - Now a home at 9745 Warner Road, between Willis and Judd Road
13. **Tamarack** - Now a home at 9454 Carpenter Road, N of Judd, on E side
14. **Oak Lawn** - Now storage for a new home at NE corner of Bemis and Carpenter Road
15. **Fosdick** - Now a home at 507 Bemis at Warner Road, original location, brick
16. **Valentine** - Now a home at 7172 E Michigan Ave., original location, wood siding
17. **Sutherland** - Now a home at 900 Textile Road, original location, near railroad, brick
18. **Town Hall** - Removed to EMU Campus in 1988, from corner of Morgan and Thomas Road, SE
19. **Roberts** - Removed from SE corner of Carpenter and US 12
20. **Carpenter** - Vacant, at 3360 Carpenter Road, brick; still standing on site of early board school
21. **Stone** - Now a Nursery School on the original site at SE corner of Packard and Stone School Road
22. **Mills** - Now in commerical use on S side of Ann Arbor Saline Road, at Lohr Road, E of I-94
23. **Wagner** - Now in commerical use at original site, 3250 Liberty Road, brick, on N side
24. **Knight** - Removed from the corner of Knight & Scio Church Road, NW corner, foundation remains
25. **Jedele** - Now a home at 6486 W Waters Road between Gensley and Zeeb Road
26. **Salem Luthern No. 2** - Now vacant, N of Scio Church on Strieter from SE corner Scio and Strieter Road
27. **Maple Grove** - Now a home, 1/2 mile N of Scio Church on W side of Strieter Road
28. **Luick** - Now a home on Scio Church Road at Steinbach Road S side, wood board
29. **Rogers Corner** - Now a home at 12351 W Waters near Flectcher Road, brick
31. **Pleasant Lake** - Removed for commerical building, N of lake near Town Hall and Lima Center Roads
32. **St. Thomas** - Now a home, 3 houses E of church on S side of Ellsworth Road
33. **Girbach** - Now a home at Pleasant Lake and Parker Road, on the curve
34. **Salem Luthern No. 1** - Now a garage at 4511 Gensley Road, N of Pleasant Lake Road; moved from corner of Pleasant Lake and Gensley Road
35. **Blaess** - Still standing on original site, S side of Ellsworth, 1/4 mile E of Gensley Road
36. **Lodi Center** - Removed from the S side of Pleasant Lake Road, 1/2 mile W of Zeeb Road
37. **Dold** - Now a home and studio at 3481 W Ellsworth, at the corner of Wagner Road
38. **Lodi Plains** - Removed from 5500 Ann Arbor Saline Road at Brassow Road, W side
39. **Lodi Academy** - Now a home on SE corner of Ann Arbor Saline and Textile Road
40. **Wood** - Now a home on W side of Dell, just S of Weber
41. **Rentschler** - Now a home on the NW corner of Bethel Church and Alber Road
42. **Kuebler** - Now a home on the NE corner of Bethel Church and Steinbach Road
44. **Silver Lake** - Now a home at 12240 Bethel Church and Ernst Road, NW corner on lake
45. **Short** - Removed from SE corner of Austin and Clinton Manchester Road, pump and foundation present
46. **Schumacher** - Still standing on original site, S side of Burmeister, 1/4 mile E of McCollum
47. **Parker** - Now a home on the SW corner of Parker and Jackson
48. **Bridgewater Station** - Both old brick and new frame are homes, 1/2 mile W of Bridgewater on Austin, opposite sides
49. **Union No. 1** - Now a home at 6740 Austin Road, on N side 1/4 mile W of Grass Road
50. **Union No. 2** - First High School built in 1868, N Ann Arbor and McKay Street, Saline, now Union Elementary
52. **Paul** - Removed for use as a garage at farm S of Austin, 1/4 mile E of Ernst; original site, W of farm, facing Austin
53. **McLaren**- Now a home on SW corner of Jerusalem and Guenther Roads, moved from 1/4 mile S of Jerusalem on Guenther, W side
54. **Jerusalem** - Now a home at the corner of Sager and Fletcher Roads, in the triangle, old school first farm N
55. **Lima Center** - Now a home on the NE corner of Lima Center and Jackson Roads

Source: Saline Area Historical Society Brochure - 1989



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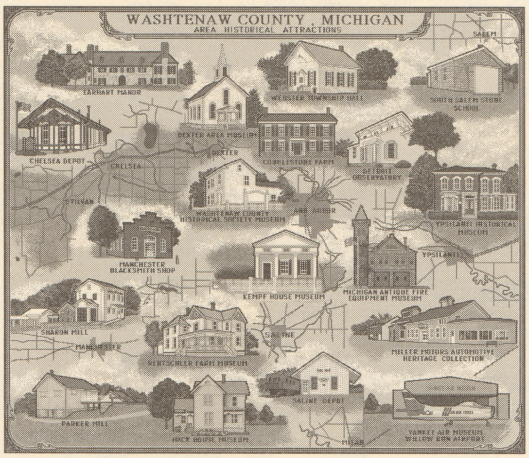
Historical Gift Suggestions



The Washtenaw County Historical Society has a few. The throws are $50 each and are available at the Museum on Main Street and from other historical society groups in Washtenaw County.

These throws are woven in North Carolina of 100% cotton and are 60 inches by 50 inches. There are 19 images of buildings of groups that are members of the Washtenaw County Consortium. Mailing by US Priority Mail is available for $8.00 each. For additional information: www.washtenawhistory.org and click on GiftShop or call 734 / 662-9092.

Our Museum Shop has many interesting items available for purchase:

Post cards — Tiny hand-made bells
Note cards — Ornaments

A variety of books, some of which are:

ANN ARBOR IN THE 19TH CENTURY. by Grace Shackman A pictorial history of Ann Arbor. 128 pp. $20

ANN ARBOR IN THE 20TH CENTURY. by Grace Shackman A pictorial history of Ann Arbor. 128 pp. $20

ANN ARBOR OBSERVED. by Grace Shackman. Compilation of *Observer* articles. 271 pp. $20

JEWISH ANN ARBOR. by Richard Adler & Ruth Adler. 128 pp. $20

BIRDSEYE MAP OF ANN ARBOR, MI-1880. 24 by 30 in. Rolled & in tube. $10

HISTORIC BUILDINGS: *Ann Arbor, MI.* by Marjorie Reade & Susan Wineberg. 232 pp. $15

***LOST ANN ARBOR*:** by Susan Wineberg. Buildings that have been demolished. 128 pp. $20

SALINE: *A Pictorial history.* by Susan Kosky. 128 pp $20

THE INDIANS OF WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI. 1927 by W. B. Hinsdale. 68 pp. $7

YPSILANTI IN THE 20TH CENTURY. by James Thomas Mann. 128 pp. $20

YPSILANTI, A HISTORY IN PICTURES. by James Thomas Mann. 128 pp. $20

THE ANN ARBOR RAILROAD. by D.C. Jesse Burkhardt. 128 pp. $20

ARGOMANIA – A LOOK AT ARGUS CAMERAS AND THE COMPANY THAT MADE THEM. by Henry J. Gambino. 222 pp. $40

AROUND THE COUNTY

Upcoming Events

Kempf House Museum
Wednesdays, March 7 – April 25, 2007 12 noon
312 S. Division, Ann Arbor, MI
Noon Lecture Series Topics vary
For information on current week topic 734-994-4898
For full program description visit www.kempfhousehistory.org

Pittsfield Township Historical Society
Sunday, April 15, 2007 2:00 p.m.
Senior/Community Center 701 W. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI
Fashions from the Second Half of the Nineteenth Century
Would Scarlet O'Hara really have worn her curtains? Queen Victoria and Amelia Bloomer-what do we have to thank them for? What happened to make 1851 and 1859 landmark years in the clothing industry? We will take a look at what happened in society and technological development to influence fashion and clothing. Helen Welford has a background in arts and a love of 19th-20th century ballroom dancing that has set her on the path to reproduce her own vintage ballgowns.
For information contact Marcia Ticknor 734-429-4517 or email m_ticknor@yahoo.com

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Saline Area Historical Society
Wednesday, April 18, 2007 6:00 p.m.
Oakwood Cemetery, Michigan Avenue and Monroe Street Saline, MI
Oakwood Cemetery Walk Join Greg King as we tour portions of the Oakwood Cemetery. He will demonstrate his specialty in repairing damage done to cemetery tombstones. While at the cemetery we will look at some of the more interesting tombstones.
Park on Monroe or at Curtiss Park. Meet at the 1899 Mausoleum
For information contact Robert Lane 734-429-1254 or email salinehistory@earthlink.net

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Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County
Sunday, April 22, 2007 1:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium – parking lot P
Genealogy Software Workshop Is your old genealogy program no longer meeting your needs? Want to

try something new but not sure what to buy? Several popular programs including Legacy, The Master Genealogist, Family Tree Maker and PAF as well as mapping and photo editing programs will be discussed followed by a hands-on session where members can try out the programs and ask questions from our own experts.

Cobblestone Farm Association
Saturday, April 28, 2007 12:00 p.m.-4 p.m.
Cobblestone Farm Museum 2781 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, MI
Spring Cleaning Ox team demonstration. Open and wash the windows. Mop the wood floors. Air out the closets. Cook on the wood stove. Clean and sharpen tools. Straighten up the wood shed. Get the house garden ready to plant. There's plenty to do on this old farm!

Ann Arbor High School Band

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became a permanent fixture at Ann Arbor High. Jump ahead to 2001 and the band is touring China. Five years after that, the band is part of the Ann Arbor Pioneer High Music Department that was recognized by the Grammy Foundation as the very best high school music program in the nation.

How the band program grew into such national and international renown is the subject of **The Centennial Project**, a research undertaking directed by Daryl Hurst. Hurst is an alumnus of the program who has been conducting interviews, researching archives, and building a sizeable library of materials on the history of the band. The project is expected to culminate in a centennial celebration on the band's 100th anniversary in 2014.

Hurst invites citizens and fellow historians to contribute to the project with photos, stories, and any other relevant information. Hurst can be reached at webmaster@aapioneerbands.org or (734) 663-6306.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

Current Exhibit

A school room is set up on display using desks on loan from the Knox family, Cobblestone Farm and Heather Douglass. Pictures and histories of many county one room schools are also displayed.

Artifacts from our collection such as children's clothes, song books, readers as well as artifacts on loan are featured. Items used for games played during recess help round out the exhibit.

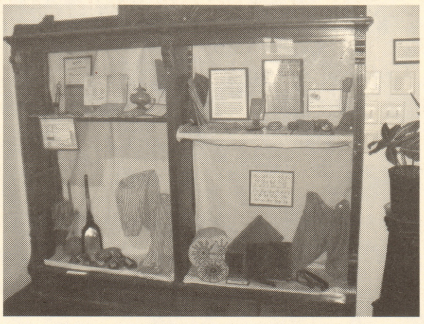
A recent donation of letters from the 1770s to the 1850s included a handwritten 1852 contract between teacher John Sears and School Number 17, Scio township. Mr. Sears is to teach primary school for a period of 4 months (or weeks) [sic] for the sum of $17 per month (or week) [sic] for his services and room and board. A month is 26 days, excluding Sundays and alternate Saturdays. He would get the 22nd of February, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years off as well as the days of general biennial elections. *A transcript of the full contract is displayed on the wall in the front display room.*

The exhibit runs through May 23, 2007. The museum is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 4 P.M. or by appointment. For information call 734-662-9092 or email wchs-500@ameritech.net.

Depiction of a one room school

Boys suit, 'spanking stick' and signs of exhibit

Girls dresses



Case shows children's clothing, games, slates, books

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Grand Party: Sunday, July 29

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Join Us at Our Sunday Programs

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
General Meetings: September 2006 - May 2007

Sunday, 3/18/07	**CARNEGIE LIBRARY PROJECTS**
	Speaker • Connie Olson
2:00 PM	Ann Arbor District Library, 350 S. Fifth Av
Sunday, 4/15/07	**DIXBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
	Speaker • Ilene Tyler
2:00 PM	Dixboro United Methodist Church, near Plymouth Rd & Cherry Hill Rd, Ann Arbor
May 2007	**ANNUAL WCHS MEETING**
TBA	Potluck supper • Election of officers

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Washtenaw County Historical Society is to foster interest in and to elucidate the history of Washtenaw County from the time of the original inhabitants to the present. Its mission shall be to carry out the mandate as stated through the preservation and presentation of artifacts and information by exhibit, assembly, and publication. And to teach, especially our youth, the facts, value and the uses of Washtenaw County history through exhibits in museums and classrooms, classes, tours to historical places, and other educational activities.